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Initial James River Heritage Trail Signs Installed

Working with the Towns of Scottsville and Buchanan and Dougherty and James River state parks, DCR has completed four "Plan Your Trip" signs for the James River Heritage Trail. These large signs provide smart phone links to recreation and agritourism amenities in the local area, as well as information on river and respect of private property. The signs also encourage responsible use of trail and respect of private property. These signs were funded by the [Department of Forestry](#) through the [Urban and Community Forestry program](#). The photo was taken by [Twin River Outfitters](#) in Buchanan.

Community Transformation
Grants

Letters of Intent-6/30/11
Applications Due 7/15/11

Sustainable Communities
Regional Planning Grant Program

Advance Notice
(no applications yet)

River, Trails and Conservation
Assistance Program

Requests due
8/1/2011

Virginia Land Conservation Fund

Applications due 7/12/2011

Americas Historical and Cultural
Organizations: Implementation
Grants

Due 8/11/2011

Bikes Belong Coalition Community
Partnership Grants

Due 8/26/11

Coca Cola
Community Grants

American Civil War
Sesquicentennial Tourism
Marketing Program

Due 8/10/2011

Tourism and the Arts Grant
Program

Due 8/1/11

**American Rivers - EPA
Potomac Highlands
Implementation Grant Program**

Augusta, Clarke, Fauquier,
Frederick, Loudoun, Page,
Rockingham, Shenandoah, and
Warren counties

Due August 5, 2011

Livable Transit Corridors
Research Plan

Due 7/6/11

Funding opportunities in Virginia

Grants.gov is the federal funding site for
1000 grant programs offered by 26
agencies.

Dangerous by Design

Transportation for America found
that 873 people were killed while
walking in Virginia between 2000



Yellow Jackets Buzzing about the Dick & Willie

A dinosaur has been located at the Doyle Street trailhead for the Dick and Willie Passage in Henry County. This news was reported by a bike group called the Yellow Jackets, who are biking this beautiful trail at least once a week and loving it. [Activate Martinsville-Henry County](#) has a "Bike Barn" that loans out bikes, as part of their mission to help make the community a fun, healthy, and desirable place to live by promoting walking, bicycling, and increased physical activity. If you haven't checked out this part of southern Virginia lately, you are missing out on some [outdoor adventure](#)!



Two-thirds of the PHNST in Virginia Complete!

By Don Briggs

Over the past 15 years, communities in Northern Virginia

and 2009. Their [Dangerous by Design](#) 2011 report compares deaths by county, ethnicity and age. Virginia's overall Pedestrian Danger Index ranks 22nd out of 50 states.

Read more [Traffic Safety Facts](#) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Community Preference Survey

What are people looking for when they choose where to live? Find out in the [2011 Community Preference Survey](#) conducted for the National Association of Realtors.

Blueprint for Livability

Livable communities planning is the process through which a community focuses on supporting the lifelong wellness of its population through both the design of the spaces people use and the services that support them to do so. Two strategies to make communities more livable are increasing the availability and accessibility of multiple transportation modes- including walking, and making more space available for public use. Read more about this issue in Virginia's [Blueprint for Livability](#) report.

On a related topic, the American Public Health Association has developed health, equity and transportation resources. Check out their [Web site](#) and the [Transportation and Health Toolkit](#).

2011 Calendar

June 24-29
[Bike Virginia Tour](#)
New River Valley

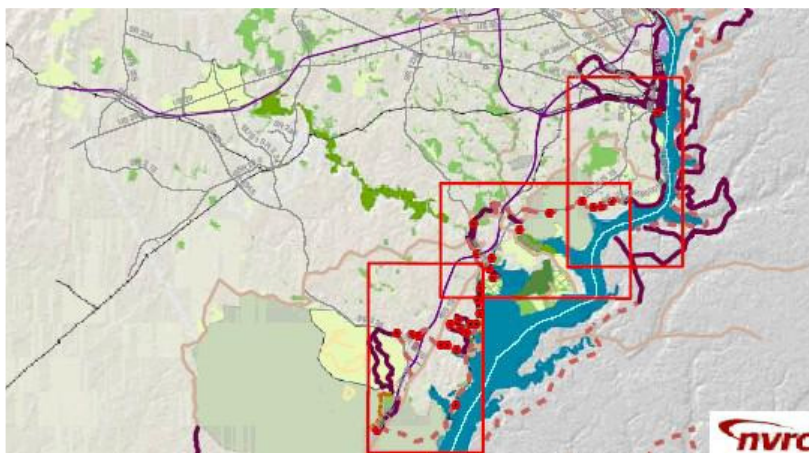
July 1-8, 2011
[Appalachian Trail Conservancy's 38th Biennial Conference](#)
Emory, VA

July 7-10, 2011
[Subaru/IMBA Trailbuilders School](#)
Knoxville, TN

July 9, 2011

have invested in the development of trails, bicycling routes and related facilities. The [Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail](#) has been a valuable tool for coordination, for making connections, and for increasing opportunities for outdoor recreation, transportation, conservation and heritage tourism.

Based on a recent corridor analysis, two thirds of an approximately 159-mile trail network in Northern Virginia is complete.



The Northern Virginia Regional Commission, with support from Prince William County Supervisor Frank Principi and the [National Capital Region](#), organized a workshop at Belmont Bay, the site of a Trail segment near the scenic Occoquan River. Participants reviewed the national significance, regional context and local value of the Trail network and broke into smaller groups to identify specific actions needed to eliminate gaps in the network with the most scenic corridors.

Attendees included Trail segment volunteers, government agency planners, elected officials, and representatives from Virginia's Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Transportation. A week earlier, the [Washington Sustainable Growth Alliance](#) identified the Trail network between Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens and Prince William Forest Park as a regional conservation priority, "offering the most promise to preserve working open space, parkland, natural areas; promote green infrastructure; and benefit the natural environment."

Click [here](#) for more information on PHNST's corridor analysis.

DCR Updates the Greenways and Trails Toolbox

Working with a team of planners, trail builders and agency reviewers, DCR has updated the design, construction and maintenance sections of the [Greenways and Trails Toolbox](#). The final version is online in "draft" form to allow the wider trail

[James River Run-Off Run-Down and Splash and Dash](#)

July 21-23 ~ [Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference](#) - Auburn, AL

Sept. 17-20, 2011
[VRPS Annual Conference](#)
Norfolk, VA

September 24, 2011
[Public Lands Day](#)

October 1, 2011
[Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day](#)

October 5, 2011
[International Walk to School Day](#)

Nov. 1-3, 2011
[NRPA Congress and Exposition](#)
Active Minds, Healthy Nation
Atlanta, GA

Native Plants vs. Invasives

Several new resources are available to help identify invasive plants. If you studied horticulture over 20 years ago, as I did, you will be surprised how many "recommended plants" are now listed as invasives. Read more about this topic in

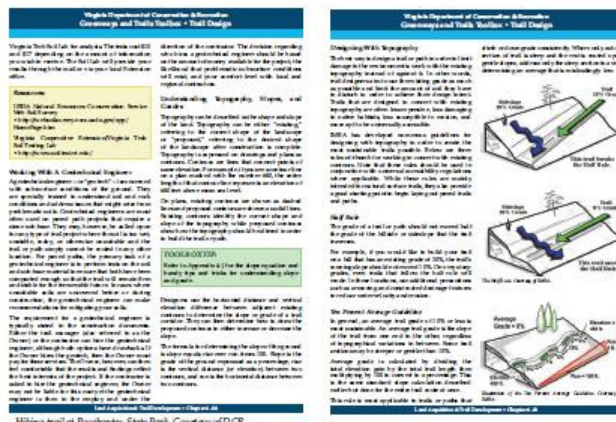
[Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas](#).

At the [Native Plant Center](#), you can find native plants of the same type, shape, color, size, and other desirable plant characteristics for creating attractive and more natural landscapes along your trail.

DCR Trails Program Mission: Provide assistance and education to encourage the development, maintenance and promotion of attractive, sustainable and connected trails throughout the state.

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community an opportunity to catch any mistakes, so be sure to take a [look](#).



[Chapter 4](#) includes helpful field guides for each trail type that summarize design guidelines, as well as links to resources that provide more in-depth discussion on a variety of topics.

[Land Planning and Design Associates](#) was hired to prepare the updates of Chapter 4 and 5, in collaboration with the trail advisory team. You can read more about their other greenway and trail projects [here](#).

The [International Mountain Bicycling Association](#) provided some illustrations and their staff served on the review team. To view a list of other contributors, click [here](#).

Connecting our State Parks to the Community

In this issue, we are highlighting [Grayson Highlands State Park](#). This park features some of the most unique natural resources and fascinating landscapes in Virginia. The park was established in 1965 as Mount Rogers State Park because it is situated adjacent to Mount Rogers, the highest mountain in Virginia at 5,729 feet. The new name was derived from the name of one of Virginia's first Senators, William Grayson, and the mountainous "highlands" location.

The park hosts significant events that highlight the culture and history of the area. Annually the [Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition](#) is scheduled in June and a [Fall Festival](#) is held on the last weekend in September. A pony herd grazes throughout the Wilburn Ridge and Massie Gap areas of Grayson Highlands State Park. Each year the ponies are rounded up at the Fall Festival and some are auctioned off.

As the master plans for State Parks are updated, there will be more emphasis on connections to other resources in the community. For example, the 2011 Grayson Highlands plan update states:

"Nearby public lands include the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest (which includes [Mount Rogers](#)

[National Recreation Area](#) and [Little Wilson Creek Wilderness Area](#)) and the Blue Ridge Parkway. The [Appalachian Trail](#) is one of the park borders, and other trails in close proximity to the park include Iron Mountain Trail, [Virginia Creeper Trail](#), and [Virginia Highlands Horse Trail](#). The park is listed as a site on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' [Birding and Wildlife Trail](#), as well as the [Crooked Road-Virginia's Heritage Music Trail](#)."

Grayson Highlands State Park itself has over [23 miles of trails](#)! If you haven't had a chance to visit this amazing State Park and nearby attractions, [book your campsite](#) today!

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